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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA--GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY FOREIGN

MINISTER OF IRELAND, DR. GARRET FITZGERALD

1. SUMMARY: IRISH FONEIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD EMPHASIZED REFORM OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AS ISSUES REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION. ON WORLD ECONOMIC REFORM HE SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, DESCRIBING IT AS HAVING ACHIEVED A "REMARKABLE CONSENSUS". BUT HE MADE A PLEA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL RESOLUTION BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WITH RESPECT TO THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, HE CALLED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROBLEM OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSTIONS REQUIRES FURTHER STUDY. IF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ARE PERMITTED, HE SAID, THERE MUST BE PROVISION FOR ADEQUATE INSPECTION. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH THE BROAD ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OVER THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE ON THE PART OF "SMALL GROUPS" OF MEN ON EITHER SIDE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. HE PLEDGED HIS GOVERNMENT TO THE CONTINUING EFFORT OF

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FINDING A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE

SELF-GOVERNMENT OF THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. THE STATEMENT OF IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER DR. GARRET FITZGERALD EMPHASIZED TWO MAJOR ISSUES WHICH HE SAID TRANSCENDED NATIONAL BOUNDARIES: THE NEED TO REFORM THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR PROLIF- ERATION. WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER, HE CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE "REMARKABLE CONSENSUS" ACHIEVED BY THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. HE DESCRIBED IT AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE AND ONE IN WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ACCEPTED THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD WAS SERIOUS ABOUT TACKLING THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED "SO BLUNTLY" AT THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTATION, HE NOTED THAT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 7TH SESSION WILL PROVIDE MUCH OF THE AGENDA FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE PREPARED BY THE OCTOBER 13 PARIS MEETING. THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, HE CAUTIONED, MUST BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE TOWARDS REAL CONCESSIONS AND, WHERE NECESSARY, TO MODIFY THE "LESS-THAN- IRON LAW" OF THE MARKET IF THEY ARE TO KEEP THE FAITH EXPRESSED IN THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE 7TH SESSION.

3. ON THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, FITZGERALD WARNED THAT THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES IS SUCH THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT AVOIDING NUCLEAR WAR. HE CALLED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY, THE AIM OF WHICH SHOULD BE TO PUT AN END TO TEST EXPLOSIONS WHETHER "OVER OR UNDER GROUND." BUT, HE SAID, SEVERAL FACETS OF THE PROBLEM OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY CAN BE DISTINGUISHED FROM NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. PENDING ACTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE IAEA ADVISORY GROUP, HE ADVOCATED AN AGREED MORATORIUM ON ALL NON-MILITARY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TESTS BY ALL POWERS. IF PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS ARE PERMITTED HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR "ADEQUATE INSPECTION". HE WELCOMED THE WORK OF THE CCD ON THE QUESTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY, INDICATING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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IT SHOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY. REFERRING TO "RECENT EVENTS IN CONNECTION WITH NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN CERTAIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" WITH REGARD TO WHICH HE SAID THERE WAS A LACK OF REACTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION WILL NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

4. AMONG OTHER ISSUES WHICH FITZGERALD ADDRESSED WAS

THE BROAD PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH
HE DEFINED TO INCLUDE ISSUES OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, OF
NON-DISCRIMINATION, OF TOLERANCE FOR MINORITY RIGHTS,
AND OF RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION.
HE MENTIONED THE "RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM TORTURE" IN THIS
CONNECTION AND "WARMLY" ENDORSED THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL
THAT THE UN APPOINT A STUDY GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. HE CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT WITH A COMMENTARY ON THE
"TRAGIC SITUATION" IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN WHICH HE DEPLORED
THE FACT THAT ALL EFFORTS AT RECONCILIATION
HAVE BEEN THWARTED BY "SMALL GROUPS OF VIOLENT MEN ON
EITHER SIDE" WHO HAVE IMMENSE POWER TO DESTROY POLITICAL
SOLUTIONS. HE NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT
ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE TWO SECTIONS OF THE
COMMUNITY CAN YET REACH AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL PROVIDE
A SOLUTION TO THE "PROBLEM OF THE SELF-GOVERNMENT
OF THIS AREA." HE PLEDGED HIS GOVERNMENT TO WORK
TOWARDS THIS END.
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